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Mr. Frank Bartes
1608 Mason Smith
Metairie, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Bartes:

Thank you for your letter of October 23, 1963.

Your thoughtfulness in writing and letting me have your views with reference to the Cuban situation is appreciated. I can well understand your feelings and concern.

When Castro came into power and seized American property, I publicly urged that the Marines be sent into Cuba to restore constitutional government and protect the rights, lives and property of Americans. Nothing that has happened since has caused me to change my mind.

I am sure you understand that the President and the State Department, under our Constitution, have the primary responsibility over foreign policy. It is my view, however, that we should pursue a course of removing Communism from the Western Hemisphere by whatever means are required. I believe it is essential for the preservation of our freedom.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,

Herman E. Talmadge

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